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Five schools receive Comprehensive School Reform Grants for 2005-06

Grants to continue in another 24 schools

MADISON—Five schools will begin Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) activities in July with grants allocated through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for the federal program that supports school-wide efforts to help all students meet challenging academic standards.

Schools receiving CSR grants for 2005-06 are

- Birchwood K-12 School, \$100,000;
- Cherokee Middle School, Madison, \$125,000;
- Lakeland Union High School, Minocqua, \$125,000;
- Menominee Indian High School, Keshena, \$100,000; and
- Riverside University High School, Milwaukee, \$125,000.

The new grants total \$575,000 and represent a combination of CSR and Title I money allocated in the eighth round of competitive funding. These new one-year grants, along with 20 second- and third-year renewal grants to 24 schools, are used to implement scientific, research-based school reform strategies to improve student achievement.

State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster noted that 24 schools in 14 districts applied for the competitive grants to start new programs in their schools, requesting \$2.6 million or more than four times the amount of available funds. "The demand for Comprehensive School Reform grants shows that educators see this as a strong possibility for improving student achievement," Burmaster said. "These grants provide important financial support to help a school community implement changes that will boost academic learning and close the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students and their peers."

Comprehensive School Reform grants are targeted to Title I-eligible schools: those that serve a student population that disproportionately comes from low-income families. Educators from throughout

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the state served on the review panel that evaluated the grant applications on the 11 components of comprehensive school reform. The Comprehensive School Reform framework requires schools to:

- use proven methods and strategies that are based on scientific research for student learning, teaching, and school management;
- use a comprehensive design to affect school-wide change;
- provide high-quality and continuous professional development and training;
- employ measurable goals and benchmarks;
- have support for CSR activities and goals within the school;
- provide support for teachers and principals through shared leadership and responsibility for reform efforts;
- involve families and the community in planning, implementing, and evaluating school improvement activities;
- use high-quality external support and assistance;
- evaluate program efforts annually;
- coordinate resources among federal, state, local, and private sources to support and sustain improvements; and
- use proven strategies to improve student academic achievement.

Grants range from \$50,000 to \$125,000 and will impact students at all grade levels in schools across the state. Funding for grants is dependent on annual federal appropriation approval. A list of schools that will receive renewal grants follows. Final amounts for renewal grants will be set after review of year-end reports and budgets.

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Comprehensive School Reform – 2005-06 Renewals

Adams-Friendship

Adams-Friendship High School

Appleton Area

Foster Elementary School

Bowler

Bowler High School

Clayton

Clayton Elementary School

Clayton Middle School

Clayton High School

Holmen

Viking Elementary School

Madison Metropolitan

Allis Elementary School

Lindbergh Elementary School

Schenk Elementary School

Sherman Middle School

Wright Middle School

Milwaukee

Franklin Elementary School

Cooper Elementary School

Happy Hill Elementary School

Lincoln Avenue

Elementary School

Milwaukee Village

Middle School

Mitchell Elementary School

Muir Middle School

Philipp Elementary School

Wisconsin Avenue

Elementary School

Superior

Cooper Elementary School

Great Lakes Elementary School

Northern Lights

Elementary School